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Dear Department of Justice,

I would like to contribute to the public comment period on the Microsoft anti-trust settlement.

I have been disappointed in the Bush Administration's recent leniency towards Microsoft. I have read about the current settlement and am not in favor of it in its current state. Microsoft's anti-competitive practices have interfered with the free-market ideals this country was founded on. Countless entrepreneurs and small businesses have failed due to Microsoft's misconduct. Innovation and creativity have been hindered not only in the field of computing, but also in other related fields such as art and engineering.

Any settlement conditions offered by the Justice Department should reflect not only the past crimes described in the Findings of Fact, but should also prevent Microsoft from engaging in future misconduct, especially illegally expanding its monopoly.

We as a country can no longer afford the inefficiency produced by the anti-competitive actions of a monopoly. A strong settlement which punishes past crimes and addresses future conduct is necessary. Litigation should continue in this case if Microsoft does not admit to illegal actions and accept a suitable punishment.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

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